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The reply filed on 7/28/2008 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): no response has been made to item 4 of the prior Office action regarding the second occurrence of the phrase "can be defined by". As clearly recited in the prior Office action, the indefinite phrase occurs before each of the two structures in each of claims 4 and 10. Applicants have amended the first occurrence in each claim, but have provided neither amendment nor argument regarding the second occurrence in each claim. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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